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THE ALASKA COMMUNITY TRANSIT NEWSLETTER

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Transit in Alaska

This newsletter is written by the Alaska Community Transit Office (ACT) and is highlighting both the work coming from our office but also the important work of our 12 rural transit operators.

ACT - a brief history

The Alaska Community Transit Office (ACT) provides reimbursement grants to public transit providers and human service agencies providing transportation to their clients. ACT is within the Division of Program Development, which is a division of the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF). The funding for our grant programs comes from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), a part of the U.S. Department of Transportation, and the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority.

Did you know?

The first grants from our office, funded by FTA, were issued in July 1975. At that time, there was only one employee but today three and a half employees and supporting positions are working on transit for the State.

IMPORTANT TRANSIT 2021 DATES

Dump the pump day - June 20th

Rural Transit day - July 16th



CAPITAL TRANSIT E-BUS, JUNEAU, ALASKA

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ACT BY THE NUMBERS

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Historic statewide perspective by the numbers

Historic numbers show that transit numbers such as ridership, miles, and hours were steadily increasing before the Covid -19 pandemic. However, in 2020, public transit was hit hard during the pandemic, with some systems reporting a 100% loss in revenue.

Annual rural transit passenger trips

2017 - 4,574,963

2018 - 5,813,683

2019 - 6,073,457

Annual vehicle revenue miles

2017 - 6,682,228

2018 - 7,959,411

2019 - 8,121,120

Annual vehicle revenue hours

2017 - 491,540

2018 - 469,831

2019 - 685,709

During the COVID -19 pandemic, our transit operators continued to provide essential services to our Alaskan communities throughout the state.

DID YOU KNOW?

- National studies have shown that investing in public transport could create 4.6 million jobs by 2030 and significantly cut transport emissions.
- Based on a national study, this would help create a green recovery from COVID-19 and improve equality, particularly for the more vulnerable members of society. It could also positively impact the economy, with the potential for every \$1 invested in public transport to generate \$5 in economic returns.
- In Alaska, rural transit employs over 250 people directly and thousands of people indirectly.

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